Cornerstone College

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Dear

Hi and welcome to Cornerstone College and in particular, welcome to Core Group 8A. As I am sure you are aware, I am Mrs Filmer, one of your Core Group teachers. This year I will be teaching you English as well as Geography in first semester and History in second semester.

One of your first assessment tasks for English is to write a semi formal letter introducing yourself to me. When you write your letter it needs to be handwritten and handed up on separate paper, not in your book. I will give you an assessment rubric that explains all the things I will be looking for when I mark your letter. Make sure you check through this rubric carefully to ensure you have covered all the points. The rubric must also be attached to your letter when you hand it up. The letter that you have in front of you is my letter to you. It will hopefully allow you to find out more about me, you can also use it as a guide to help you with your letter.

I am a proud Naturian and I have been teaching at Cornerstone College off and on for eleven years. I think it is a great school and I really enjoy working here. During my time at Cornerstone I have taught in the following areas; PE, English, SOSE, Science, The Arts and Adaptive Ed. This year you will not see me at school on Wednesdays and Fridays as I work part time.

My husband and I live in Mt Barker with our two children. Milika who is five and Jesse who has just turned three years old, they keep us very busy and are a lot of fun. We also have two dogs, two ducks, four chooks and numerous fish. In my spare time I enjoy gardening and reading, not very exciting I’m sure you are thinking but they are two things that help me to relax.

In the Christmas holidays our family spent a lot of time in Murray Bridge where my parents have their home on the Murray River, while there we spent time eating too much, skiing and relaxing. We also enjoyed having fun with our children, they both enjoy having rides on the tube behind the boat and are gaining confidence in the water.

We are currently doing major renovations on our home and our family have been living in a very small unit since the October holidays. It has been a challenge to try to keep our three year old boy busy and out of mischief in a home without a yard! Hopefully work on the house will have finished by the beginning of March and we will be back in our ‘big house’ in a month. I am really looking forward to this day.

This year our daughter started primary school at St Marks, it was exciting and a bit scary dropping her off on Monday morning. She looked so grown up in her uniform, she has been really excited about starting school but as we drove to St Marks she told me that she was a bit worried about the ‘older kids’. Fortunately she had only positive stories to tell me Monday night which is very reassuring.

I understand that some of you may not be keen English students and may dislike reading and writing and many of the other aspects of the Year 8 English course. My aim is to encourage and support each of you to make sure that you do the best that you can do. I would like you to feel that you are being extended when needed and are learning new and useful things. If you have any specific things that you would like to learn or points that would be helpful for me to know about helping you to learn please let me know in your introductory letter.

I wish you well in both your studies and your involvement in the Cornerstone community this year.

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Filmer

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**Task :** Write a letter telling me about yourself.

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| Grade | C | b | a | Your mark 🖡 |
| **Presentation** | * paragraphed * correct address format * signed off correctly * legible hand writing | * sentences well structured * page well balanced | * paragraphs are well structured * interesting presentation | **/10** |
| **Expression** | * personal voice * semi formal tone/style | * uses humour * easy to follow | * uses complex writing techniques | **/10** |
| **Content** | * 250 words * family information * brief personal profile * hobbies/sports included | * tells of some important events in your life * tells of your feelings about English * 250 – 350 words | * 350 to 500 words * shows different aspects of your life * gives a clear picture of you as an individual * shares your hopes and dreams for the future | **/15** |
| **Spelling, Punctuation & grammar** | * multiple errors | * a few errors | * near perfect | **/5** |
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